Crow Wins Second Straight Figure 8 Race

As a rookie in any sport, you are expected to make mistakes.

Dropping the ball or missing the shot is part of the game, so when the rookie makes the catch or the shot there is cause for celebration.

Rick Crow of Canyon Country is celebrating, because as a rookie driver in the street stock class at Saugus Speedway, he has set some high marks when he came out Saturday night before 3,594 in attendance for rookie of the year. "That wouldn't be too bad."

'They are Tough'

On Saturday, Crow won the race after taking second on lap nine, and then moved up to first on lap 11, while holding off an experienced Dale White Jr. of Simi Valley, who came from last place (16th) to finish second, and Tom Burton of Valencia finished third.

In other racing news, two-time and won his second 15-lap street stock figure 8 -- making him the first two-time winner at the Speedway this year.

Crow said he was aiming to win at least one main event this season, and was surprised to find himself in the winner's circle more that once after only the third week.

'Got Lucky so far'

"We finished all our goals," Crow said, speaking for himself and his Pooh Racing Team. "We wanted to win one main event. We got lucky so far and won two."

Crow has been more than lucky, he has gotten better breaks each time out.

In the opening night race on April 1, his car, a cool pink No. 38 Chevrolet Malibu, was given the prettiest car award, only to get banged up and break down before the main event race.

On April 8th, Crow came out and won a street stock oval heat race, won a figure 8 heat race and then won his first figure 8 main event to be the Speedway's first single night three-way winner of the season.

"I could be the first three time winner (if I win the next race)," said a confident Crow, who is also vying defending Nascar Sportsman champion Dave Phipps of Simi Valley won his first 40-lap main event this season, followed by Will Harper of Tarzana while Gary Sigman broke his string of three consecutive second place finishes to end up in third.

"It was a hard race with Harper and Sigman behind me bumping," Phipps said of the race he led after passing Sigman on the first lap and never relenting that lead. "This week was sure difficult with these guys behind me. They were tough."

In the 40-lap street stock oval main event, White finished first followed by Craig Rayburn of Simi Valley and Tom Kimmel of Sylmar.

Two New Records

Pat Dennison of Van Nuys finished first in the 10-lap mini stock main event, followed by Steve Katz of Granda Hills who set the fast lap time of 19.05 (62.99 mph) while Tony Polisano of Northridge was third.

Two new track records were also set as Harper flew around the ⅓-mile track in 16.95 seconds (70.80 mph) in the Sportsman class, and White soared through the turns to set the street stock figure 8 time at 23.09 seconds.

Street stock cars rip out of turn two during Saturday's figure 8 main event at the Speedway.